

# RAILROAD WAGES

Shall they be determined by  
*Industrial Warfare or  
Federal Inquiry?*

To the American Public:

Do you believe in arbitration or industrial warfare?

The train employes on all the railroads are voting whether they will give their leaders authority to tie up the commerce of the country to enforce their demands for a 100 million dollar wage increase.

The railroads are in the public service—your service. This army of employes is in the public service—your service.

You pay for rail transportation 3 billion dollars a year, and 44 cents out of every dollar from you goes to the employes.

On all the Southern railroads in 1915, seventy-five per cent of the train employes earned these wages (lowest, highest and average of all) as shown by the payrolls—

	Passenger		Freight		Yard	
	Range	Average	Range	Average	Range	Average
Engineers	\$1972 3810	\$2306	\$1455 3505	\$1916	\$1156 2424	\$1566
Conductors	1552 2696	1847	1353 2358	1580	1055 1749	1245
Firemen	943 1652	1209	649 1638	979	406 1302	777
Brakemen	957 1736	1109	755 1854	958	754 1405	990

The average yearly wage payments to all Southern train employes (including those who worked only part of the year) as shown by the 1915 payrolls were—

	Passenger	Freight	Yard
Engineers	\$2144	\$1712	\$1313
Conductors	1723	1488	1157
Firemen	1096	865	688
Brakemen	1013	845	868

A 100 million dollar wage increase for men in freight and yard service (less than one-fifth of all employes) is equal to a 5 per cent advance in all freight rates.

The managers of the railroads, as trustees for the public, have no right to place this burden on the cost of transportation to you without a clear mandate from a public tribunal speaking for you.

The railroads have proposed the settlement of this controversy either under the existing national arbitration law, or by reference to the Interstate Commerce Commission. This offer has been refused by the employes' representatives.

Shall a nation-wide strike or an investigation under the Government determine this issue?

National Conference Committee of the Railways

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Mrs. John Wright left Sunday to visit relatives at Trimble.

Miss Theresa Tally, of Union City, is visiting Mrs. Bailey Huddleston.

Cool, breezy shirts, hats, trousers, hosiery, underwear, etc., at Bradley's.

If you forget the name spell calomel backwards and you have it again.

FOR SALE: One 5-room residence in heart of city; and one 3-room residence—M. B. Shaw. Rooms for rent: Suitable for offices or apartments; bath, lights, etc. In the new Dodds building over Dobson's.—W. A. Dodds.

Ice cream and cake will be served Friday afternoon, from 4 to 6, at the home of Mrs. B. T. Davis, for benefit of the Ladies Aid Society.

Paducah is the team that will play ball here next Sunday, and the game promises to be a good one. Hickman beat Wickliffe on the home grounds last Sunday 3 to 5, in an exciting game. It is not possible to give the box score.

## THE WEATHER

Thunder showers this afternoon night. Friday fair.

The river gauge at Cairo now reads 32.8 and falling.

Heinz pickles and canned goods; none better.—Prather's.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Huddleston and son, of Fulton, and Mrs. Tom Reynolds and son, of Union City, have been visiting Bailey Huddleston and family.

According to the Insurance Press, \$24,500 was paid on life insurance policies in Hickman in 1915. Of this amount, \$20,000 went to the estate of the late R. B. Gaskler.

Work on the new home for the Hickman Bank & Trust Co. is going right ahead. The huge stone columns are being swung into place this week. When finished, it will be the prettiest building in this end of the state, and by all odds a credit to the town.

## VICTIM QUIETLY SUBMITS TO UNUSUAL OPERATION.

An unusual tragedy, a similar one never before enacted in Graves county, or West Kentucky, took place about 8 o'clock Wednesday morning two and one-half miles south of Wingo in which B. E. Choate and Henry Campbell were the actors but the leading role being played by Choate. In the act an operation was performed on Campbell by Choate, who acted as chief surgeon. The two men are well known and neighbors.

It had come to Choate that Campbell had been too intimate with his wife for some time, and that he had made up his mind to punish him for his indiscretions.

About 8 o'clock Wednesday morning Choate met Campbell in the road, and, placing a pistol in Campbell's face, told him he had his choice of either being shot or submitting to "mayhem," a crime known in law as the maiming of a person by depriving him of the use of his members, which are necessary for him in defending himself in war, peace or pleasure. Campbell said, so the story goes, he preferred to be "maimed" than to be shot. He was told to lay down in the road, which he did, when Choate with his knife performed the operation, after which Choate sent for a physician to administer to Campbell's injuries.

Choate notified Dr. Stanley Mullins of what had been done and the physician rushed to the home of Campbell to render medical aid. Campbell is said to be in a serious condition and there are doubts of his recovery. Choate went to Wingo and surrendered himself to City Marshal Jim Grayson, who brought the offender to Mayfield. Choate employed Atty. J. E. Robbins and M. B. Hollifield as counsel in his trouble. Choate gave bond in the sum of \$2,500 before County Judge W. V. Gregory and was released from custody. His examining trial was set for August 16, before Judge Gregory. The penalty for mayhem is from one to five years in the state prison. Choate is a prominent farmer and speculator.

Tuesday, it is said Choate and his wife separated.

Campbell is about 28 or 30 years of age and recently married the widow of John Dallas, who was killed at Jukedom several years ago.—Mayfield Messenger.

Mr. Choate is a son of Sabe Choate of this city.

## PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR.

Whereas, it is rapidly becoming apparent to the people of this community that a great need exists for better public roads that methods of communication may be quickened and transportation facilities enhanced and extended, and

Whereas, the tremendous work accomplished last year has aroused much enthusiasm for a good roads day this year,

Now, I, Tom Dillon, Sr., Mayor of the City of Hickman, do hereby proclaim and set aside Thursday, July 27th, as "Good Roads Day" and declare it a holiday. I further request that every public spirited citizen so regard it and lend every possible aid on that day to the work that is of such paramount importance to this community.

TOM DILLON, SR., Mayor.

## A HACKING COUGH WEAKENS THE SYSTEM.

Don't suffer with a hacking cough that has weakened your system—get a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, in use over 40 years, and benefiting all who use it, the soothing pine balsam with tar heals the irritated air passages—soothes the raw spots, loosens the mucous and prevents racking the body with coughing. Dr. King's New Discovery induces natural sleep and aids nature to cure you.—Advt.

All the good things to eat at Bettersworth's at lowest prices.

Misses Mildred Ramage and Ola Monan left Monday for Dawson Springs.

Mrs. Joe Bryant, of Memphis, is visiting her parents Al Chetester and wife.

Miss Josephine Watts, of Union City, is visiting Miss Mary Tempa Burnett.

WAISTS: A splendid lot of ladies \$1.00 waists at 89c, at Dobson's on the corner.

## County School Notes

By Miss Virginia Luten  
County Supt.

A. Saunders was the successful bidder for the contract for the new school building at Sylvan Shade. A modern 4-room building is to be erected before the opening of the September term. The district has also enlarged the school grounds and now have five acres. A first class high school is to be maintained providing free tuition to all pupils of the county who have been promoted from the eighth grade. With free high school tuition at Hickman, Fulton, Cayce and Sylvan Shade, we hope to have more pupils in high school this year than ever before.

The state school per capita for this year will be \$5.10, which means that we will have a seven months' term. Supt. Gilbert thinks now that the seven months term will be a permanent thing. This is only a 15c decrease in the per capita from last year.

Attention is called to the fact that compulsory attendance law was made more effective by the last legislature. Children must attend school, otherwise their parents are liable to fine and imprisonment. Half of our rural schools are now in session. If any children in these districts have any excuse for non-attendance the teacher should be notified at once.

## AGAIN DRILLING FOR OIL NEAR SAMBURG.

A company of Union City capitalists are going right ahead with their oil prospecting near Samburg, on Reelfoot Lake. We are told the well they are drilling is now about 900 feet down. They expect to go as deep as 3,500 feet unless a strike is made before that depth is reached. It is an open secret that oil was struck in this vicinity by a Pennsylvania company last year, and, for reasons best known to themselves, capped the well and quietly retired from the field of action. It was even stated semi-authoritatively that this well had a producing capacity of 200 barrels per day at a shallow depth. The company now drilling will soon prove the truth or falsity of the reports.

A large number of explosions have been secured in a county, a short distance below Hickman. When the well is finished at Samburg, the drill outfit will be brought here and a well or two put down in search of oil or gas. As a matter of fact, gas has been issuing from a shallow driven well on the J. D. Leach place for the past two years, and little doubt is entertained as concerns the gas proposition.

## LIGHTNING KILLS MAN AT PHILLIPPY, TENN.

Alec Lyons, age about 18 years, was instantly killed by lightning near Phillippy, Tenn., Monday afternoon, while in a field hoeing cotton. His hat, shoes and clothing were more or less charred by the bolt. Only a short distance from Alec was his brother, who was severely shocked. Young Lyons' home was in the vicinity of Samburg. He was employed by Ed Moore and was highly respected wherever known. The remains were interred at Antioch, Tuesday.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Subject 11 a. m., "The Most Convincing Evidence of Christianity."

Subject 8 p. m., "A Question of Preparedness."

Mrs. Tom Williams and daughter, Hettie, left today to visit Artie Williams and family, at Baltzer, Miss.

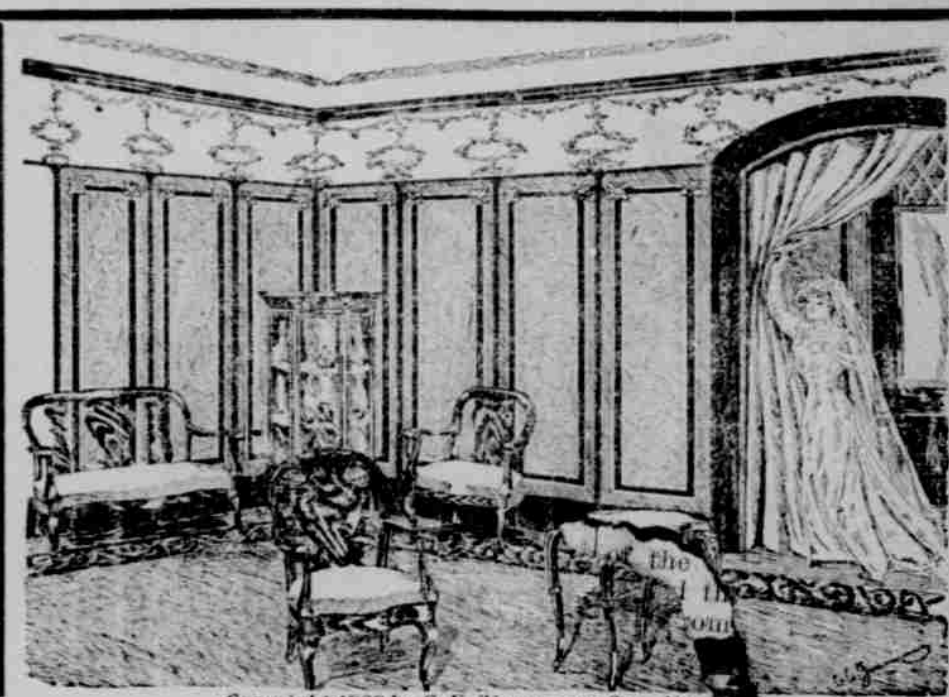
Misses Kathleen Byrn and Paul Baker, of Wingo, are visiting Miss Bess Choate.

Mrs. Will Seates, of Union City, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. P. B. Curlin.

Hollie Henderson and family, of Medley, spent Monday with E. Bettersworth and family.

Miss Mary Snow Tipton, of Tiptonville, returned home Sunday, after a visit to Miss Mary Julia Tipton.

Misses Louise and Mabel Luten and Louise and Jeanette Harris, of Union City, returned home Sunday after a visit to Miss Anita Dodds.



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## U. S. FIRMS BLACKLISTED.

The British government yesterday gave out the names of about 100 American business firms which have been placed on its black list. This government will notify Great Britain that we are not pleased with this action.

Publication of a blacklist for America came as no surprise to the State Department, which has been watching the situation closely. Although withholding formal comment until officially notified of the development, many officials are known to feel that it is no concern of Great Britain's if firms in the United States or their branches abroad desire to trade with German firms in other countries, and that while Great Britain might have the right to specify what merchandise should be carried by her own ships, she has no right to take discriminatory action against American concerns because of the business they do.

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## MOTHER AND BABE DE WITHIN THIRTY-SIX HOURS.

Two newly made graveside by side in the Antioch graveyard mark the last resting place of Mrs. Vaux Sheppard and her 23-day-old baby; the latter dying Friday night and the mother an early hour Sunday morning.

Mrs. Sheppard was a popular matron of the Sheppard neighborhood, just over the state line in Tennessee. Tuberculosis of the bowels caused her death. She is survived by her husband and three children, who have the profound sympathy of their friends in their double sorrow.

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